

REMARKS

The only pending claim (claim 1) has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as claim 1 of the parent U.S. Patent No. 5,873,071. This claim has been canceled. New claims 86-105, which are fully supported by the specification, have been added. Applicants respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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